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STOCKHOLM FOR SCHWEBEL

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SUBJECT: UNCTAD CHARTER GROUP

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1. WE RAISED PROPOSAL REFTEL THAT GROUP B MEMBERS OF CHARTER GROUP MEET IN GENEVA PRIOR TO TDB AT GROUP B CAUCUS JULY 5, SUGGESTING SPECIFICALLY JUST BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER ECOSCO CONSIDERATION OF MNCS AND SOVEREIGNTY, EXPECTED CIRCA JULY 25-AUGUST 3, WHEN SCHWEBEL WILL BE IN GENEVA. PROPOSAL SUPPORTED BY ALL SPEAKERS EXCEPT NETHERLANDS, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA, CANADA, EC AND JAPAN. JAPAN ALSO PROPOSED ADDITIONAL MEETING JUST BEFORE OR AT BEGINNING OF TDB.

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2. JAPAN (MIYAKI) AT FIRST EXPRESSED VIEW 77 WOULD PREFER

TO DISCUSS IN NEW YORK RATHER THAN GENEVA BUT APPEARED TO ACCEPT EC AND CANADA (MONTGOMERY) COMMENTS THAT IT HAS BEEN AGREED TO DISCUSS CHARTER IN GENEVA DURING TDB. HE THEN SAID HE THINKS CASTANEDA CONTEMPLATES INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS, BUT HE WONDERED WHETHER MATTER SHOULD BE TAKEN UP BY TDB SESSIONAL COMMITTEE. OTHERS SAID SESSIONAL COMMITTEE NOT APPROPRIATE SINCE MEMBERSHIP DIFFERENT, BUT WANTED INFORMAL MEETINGS RATHER THAN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS BY CASTANEDA.

3. RETURNING TO TUS PROPOSAL, NETHERLANDS REP ASSERTED MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUP PARTICIPATE IN INDEPENDENT CAPACITY AND DOUBTED BOEKSTAL WOULD WANT GENEVA MEETING OR WANT GROUP B SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION BEFORE TDB AT ALL. US (MILLER) QUESTIONED INDEPENDENT STATUS OF GROUP MEMBERS BUT SAID WE HOPED BOEKSTAL WOULD ATTEND; IN ANY CASE MEETING WOULD BE MOST USEFUL WHEN MOST QUALIFIED PEOPLE ARE PRESENT, AND WE THINK TOWARD CLOSE OF ECOSOC IS BEST BET. CANADA (MONTGOMERY) AND OTHERS STRONGLY SUPPORTED US PROPOSAL, CANADA SAYING COORDINATION MOST USEFUL AND SOURCE OF STRENGTH IN MEXICO AND INTENSIVE CONSULTATION NECESSARY AT ALL FURTHER STATES.

4. SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA ALSO SUPPORTED AND SAID THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SITTING IN. IN RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION, US (MILLER) SAID OUR PROPOSAL IS FOR MEETING OF REPS OF GROUP B CHARTER GROUP MEMBER COUNTRIES RATHER THAN GROUP B AS SUCH, BUT HE WAS SURE SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA WOULD BE WELCOME TO SIT IN.

5. CHAIRMAN (TEESE, AUSTRALIA) SUMMARIZED THE PROPOSAL IS GENERALLY FAVORED EXCEPT BY NETHERLANDS, WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT IT FURTHER, INCLUDING SPECIFIC POSSIBLE DATES, CLOSER TO EVENT; ALSO LOOK AT QUESTION OF ATTENDANCE OF OTHER GROUP B MEMBERS. NETHERLANDS REP SAID HE WOULD INFORM BOEKSTAL AND LET US KNOW HIS REACTION.

6. IN SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH CANADA, JAPAN AND BELGIUM, LATTER ASKED US IF PUTTMAN SHOULD BE INFORMED AND WHETHER WE WOULD WISH HIM TO CHAIR MEETING. WE SAID YES TO FIRST QUESTION, WE ASSUMED YES TO SECOND, ASSUMING MEETING WOULD NOT BE CONDITIONED ON HIS AVAILABILITY. MONTGOMERY AND MIYAKE SAID LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESENCE OF SCHWEBEL IS IMPORTANT AND WE SHOULD SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY. MONTGOMERY PLANS TO BE ON VACATION JULY 13-27 AND PREFERS JULY 29 OR LATER, BUT WOULD RETURN FOR DAY OR TWO IF HE IS MINORITY OF ONE. MIYAKE PLANS VACATION LEAVING JULY 28 BUT WOULD STAY FOR MEETING JULY 29 IF COULD BE ARRANGED.

7 COMMENT: WE THINK UTILITY OF MEETING IS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE;  
ONLY PROBLEM IS TO FIND SPECIFIC TIME. WE HAVE INFORMED TEESE AS  
GROUP B COORDINATOR OF CANADIAN AND JAPANESE PREFERENCES AND WILL  
FOLLOW UP WITH HIM REGARDING DATES. DALE

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